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H.B. No. 1218

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to course content requirements for human sexuality  
3 instruction provided by a public school.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 28.004(e), Education Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (e) Any course materials and instruction relating to human  
8 sexuality, sexually transmitted diseases, or human  
9 immunodeficiency virus or acquired immune deficiency syndrome  
10 shall be selected by the board of trustees with the advice of the  
11 local school health advisory council and must:

12 (1) present abstinence from sexual activity as the  
13 preferred choice of behavior in relationship to all sexual activity  
14 for unmarried persons of school age;

15 (2) devote more attention to abstinence from sexual  
16 activity than to any other behavior;

17 (3) emphasize that abstinence from sexual activity, if  
18 used consistently and correctly, is the only method that is 100  
19 percent effective in preventing pregnancy, sexually transmitted  
20 diseases, infection with human immunodeficiency virus or acquired  
21 immune deficiency syndrome, and the emotional trauma associated  
22 with adolescent sexual activity;

23 (4) direct adolescents to a standard of behavior in  
24 which abstinence from sexual activity before marriage is the most

1 effective way to prevent pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases,  
2 and infection with human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immune  
3 deficiency syndrome; [~~and~~]

4 (5) teach contraception and condom use in terms of  
5 human use reality rates instead of theoretical laboratory rates, if  
6 instruction on contraception and condoms is included in curriculum  
7 content; and

8 (6) instruct that life begins at conception.

9 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016  
10 school year.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.